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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: CAMELLIA W. ADAMS, ET AL. GAU: 1647

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EXAMINER: SPECTOR, L.

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**AMENDMENT**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated November 27, 2000, which set a three month period for response. A Request for Extension of Time for three months is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, thereby extending the date for response from February 27, 2001 to May 29, 2001 (May 27, 2001 being a Sunday and May 28, 2001 being a Federal Holiday within the District of Columbia).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 43-45.

B<sup>1</sup> 46. (Amended) A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 50.

Please add the following new claims:

B<sup>2</sup> -49. (New) An isolated nucleic acid encoding an agonist antibody, fragment or variant thereof which binds to human c-mpl, wherein said agonist antibody, fragment, or variant thereof